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TRUMP IMPEACHED

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announces the passage of the second article of impeachment against President Donald Trump on Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Historic vote: House charges abuse of power, obstruction of Congress

By Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday night, becoming only the third American chief executive to be formally charged under the Constitution's ultimate remedy for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The historic vote split along party lines, much the way it has divided the nation, over a charge that the 45th president abused the power of his office by enlisting a foreign government to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election. The House then approved a second charge, that he obstructed Congress in its investigation.

The articles of impeachment, the political equivalent of an indictment, now go to the Senate for trial. If Trump is acquitted by the Republican-led chamber, as expected, he still would have to run for reelection carrying the enduring stain of impeachment on his purposely disruptive presidency.

He saw the blame flowing in the other direction. He told a political rally in Michigan that "crazy Nancy Pelosi's House Democrats have branded themselves with an eternal mark of shame."

The votes were 230 for impeachment and 197 against on the first count, 229-198 on the second.

Democrats led Wednesday night's voting, framed in what many said was their duty to protect the Constitution and uphold the nation's system of checks and balances. Republicans stood by their party's leader, who has frequently tested

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President Donald Trump speaks Wednesday during a rally in Michigan.

IMPEACHMENT VOTES

Here's how members of Congress from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties voted. In all cases, they cast the same vote on both articles of impeachment:

CA-8: Paul Cook (R) No
CA-25: Vacant
CA-26: Julia Brownley (D) Yes
CA-27: Judy Chu (D) Yes
CA-28: Adam Schiff (D) Yes
CA-29: Tony Cardenas (D) Yes
CA-30: Brad Sherman (D) Yes
CA-31: Pete Aguilar (D) Yes
CA-32: Grace Napolitano (D) Yes
CA-33: Ted Lieu (D) Yes
CA-34: Jimmy Gomez (D) Yes
CA-35: Norma Torres (D) Yes
CA-36: Raul Ruiz (D) Yes
CA-37: Karen Bass (D) Yes
CA-38: Linda Sanchez (D) Yes
CA-39: Gil Cisneros (D) Yes
CA-40: Lucille Roybal-Allard (D) Yes
CA-41: Mark Takano (D) Yes
CA-42: Ken Calvert (R) No
CA-43: Maxine Waters (D) Yes
CA-44: Nanette Barragán (D) Yes
CA-45: Katie Porter (D) Yes
CA-46: Lou Correa (D) Yes
CA-47: Alan Lowenthal (D) Yes
CA-48: Harley Rouda (D) Yes
CA-49: Mike Levin (D) Yes
CA-50: Duncan Hunter (R) Did not vote

Reaction: Defiant president rallies his supporters after rebuke

By Darlene Superville, Zeke Miller and Jill Colvin
The Associated Press

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. » Defiant in the face of a historic rebuke, President Donald Trump rallied supporters in Michigan on Wednesday night as the House voted to impeach him, declaring, "It doesn't really feel like we're being impeached."

Trump took the stage just minutes before he became the third president in U.S. history to be impeached by the House of Representatives.

In a dramatic and discordant split-screen, Trump emerged from a mock fireplace at the Christmas-themed rally as the debate in Washington was underway. He took time to praise "the miracle of Christmas, the greatness of America and the glory of God," even as he slammed Democrats, accusing the "radical left in Congress" of being "consumed with envy and hate and rage."

Aides had said Trump would wait to see the House vote before coming out to address the rally, but he appeared onstage early and promised "the best speech you've ever heard" in a swing state that narrowly voted for him in 2016.

While Trump and his aides have tried to brush off the significance of the vote — noting there is little chance he will be convicted by the Republican-controlled Senate and removed from office — allies nonetheless acknowledged that Trump has been angry over the stain that impeachment will leave on his legacy.

"This lawless, partisan impeachment is a political suicide march for the Democratic party," Trump told the crowd as the final tally of a vote

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BEST THING I ATE THIS YEAR

Critic Brad A. Johnson serves the 20 best dishes of 2019

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Thank you, Orange County, for (over-) feeding me again this year. I have eaten very, very well. In fact, I've been keeping a list. And here it is: the 20 best things I ate this year.

20. GORGONZOLA PIZZA AT IL PALCO

This isn't the first Italian restaurant to make a pizza with blue cheese and honey, but theirs might be the best such pizza in Orange County and hands-down the best pizza I ate this year. The dough is uniquely soft and supple, a style that reminds me of Naples, but also, oddly, of Indian naan. The Source, 6980 Beach Blvd., Buena Park, 714-690-1430,

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The cracked pepper bucatini with clams and egg yolk at Fable & Spirit in Newport Beach. PHOTO BY BRAD A. JOHNSON

Inside: Critic Brad A. Johnson's five best drinks of 2019. **PAGE A3**

ANAHEIM

Fans rally in support of the Angel Stadium deal

Angels Chairman Dennis Kuhl told the crowd of a couple hundred gathered at Golden Road Brewery, "We need your support to make this happen." **PAGE A3**

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Dems will square off in Los Angeles after all

A closer look at the seven candidates taking the stage tonight at Loyola Marymount University for the sixth debate. **PAGE A9**

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